

obsolete sinuato-denticulatis; glandulis 4-ovatis, purpureis, exappendiculatis; stylis 3, brevibus, capitellatis; capsula laevia, coccis carinatis; seminibus oblongis, laevibus, ecarunculatis.

Fruticulus 5-15 cm. alta. Petioli circa 1 mm. longi; laminae 3-6 mm. longae, 2-3.5 mm. latae. Stipulae 1 mm. longae vel minores. Capsula circa 2 mm. longa.

MÉRIDA: Páramos de los Apartaderos, 3300 m., flowers and fruits January 22, 1922 (*Jahn* 976, type).

This dwarf shrub probably belongs to Subsection *Chamaesyceae* Boiss. The diminutive involucre is solitary, the glands large and without appendages. We have no means at hand to ascertain its closest affinities. In the *Prodromus* there is no description, among those of American species, which would fit our specimens.

ZOOLOGY.—*Some reef corals from Tahiti.*¹ J. EDWARD HOFFMEISTER, University of Rochester. (Communicated by JOHN B. REESIDE, JR.)

The corals listed here were obtained by Dr. William A. Setchell and Mr. Harold E. Parks of the University of California from the barrier and fringing reefs around Papeete, Tahiti. There are 24 species recorded. All are typical shallow water, reef corals and most of them are common to Oceania and the surrounding areas. Some were taken from exposed parts of the barrier and fringing reefs and others from more protected areas of the reefs. One new species is recorded.

POCILLOPORA DAMICORNIS var. CESPITOSA Dana

1925. *Pocillopora damicornis* Hoffmeister, Carnegie Inst. Wash., Pub. 343, p. 15, plate 1, fig. 1. (With synonymy).

I have discussed *Pocillopora damicornis* Linnaeus and its varieties in the above mentioned publication.

Station No. 6046. Loose (dead) on Arue Reef.

No. 6084. On outer edge of exposed fringing reef, Arue.

POCILLOPORA EYDOUXI Milne Edwards and Haime

1918. *Pocillopora eydouxi* Vaughan, Carnegie Inst. Wash., Pub. 213, p. 79, plate 24, figs. 1, 2, 2a. (With synonymy).

The calices of this species possess well developed septa and a large styloform columella. There are 12 septa, all of nearly the same size. Coenenchymal granulations consist of erect spinules. *P. plicata* Dana, *P. elongata* Dana, *P. coronata* Gardiner and *P. modumanensis* Vaughan are closely related species.

Station No. 6051. On outer (exposed) rim of barrier reef off Papeete, Tahiti.

¹ Received July 25, 1929.